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SWINDLES AND HIGH PRICES

It is a notorious fact that prices in many lines of trade are kept to high figures because those who pay are obliged to pay high to make up for losses incurred on account of those who do not pay at all. The great Englishman, Worth, in explaining why his charges are so high, recently gave this reason. He admitted that his charges were excessively beyond the value of the goods and the labor expended on them, but was unable to make his responsible customers pay for his services and also for the irresponsible who would go under both fair and false pretenses, and by whom he is annually defrauded of thousands of dollars.

Are not butchers, grocers, dry goods and clothing dealers and dealers in all lines of retail trade in Portland, pursuing business upon methods that oblige them to some extent at least, to do the same thing? When the cash system is not followed there are, of necessity, many losses, and the deficit must be charged up to paying customers, or business must be abandoned.

This subject is receiving more general attention now, in the period of "hard times," than formerly. We find the newspapers of many countries discussing it. A Milwaukee paper has called a general meeting of people there to the effect that the community is obliged to support the army of drivers and swindlers who have learned to avoid paying their bills. In every country, aside from the considerable element of population always contained in poor houses, jails and asylums for asylums for the incapable and vicious there is an army of dependents who are not recognized as objects of charity. Yet their bills are paid by others and often by those who are ill able to do it. Every tradesman makes an allowance for his bad debts and exacts enough profit from his good ones to pay up the deficiency. Every pound of sugar, every pair of boots, every coat and cap and bonnet pays a small tithe of this kind. The supplication would be that the publicans and prostitutes of a dressmaker like Worth should invariably pay him. But among that class of people the obligation is shirked as often as among any other.

This philosophy is applicable to all the classes which supply the necessities and luxuries of modern life, but the fact mentioned is most easily observable in the scale of charges adopted by professional men, as lawyers and doctors and others of similar occupation, as photographers, dentists, etc. Doctors make an allowance of about one-third for bad debts and charge their deficit up to their honest patients, thus practically putting a penalty on profligacy. The same is true of the others in more or less degree.

This fact is not often considered by the debater, but it exists in all its grim reality. A large contingent of society is accomplished in the science of how not to pay debts. But the obligation is not, nevertheless, by a system of adjustment, which is unjust as it is inevitable. The individuals who fail to pay their small bills are among the most undesirable specimens of mankind, but these parasites and spores infect every community.

By more general adoption of the cash system dealers and professional men could prevent much of this injustice to honest customers, and certainly would do as well in business. The deficit arising from bad customers and made up of good ones, under the credit system, does not come of the rebates alone. The greater part of it is exacted from poor but honest people who are able to meet it while the "dead beats" who get trusted and never pay often live in comparative affluence and luxury, upon the proceeds and profits of dishonesty. We appeal to our business people in all lines to enforce the cash system more generally and by more rigid rules.

THE MARCH OF THE WHITE MAIA

The London Spectator, under this title gave the other day a startling statement of the enormous increase of white men in the world during the last two centuries, surging from it the ultimate inevitable subjection and extinction of the dark races. It assumed that "in 1653 the white men formed but a small fraction of the world's population—about one-tenth," and that now they number, according to Giffen, 43,000,000, or one-third of the whole. At this rate of progress it reckons the white race will number a century from now, over 1,000,000,000. The process of extermination or smothering of the dark race by the blood-line of white blood is effected by the advance of France and England from the advance of France and England into Asia, of England, into Egypt, the East Indies, Australia, New Zealand and Germany into Africa. In 1856 it proposed that the world contains 1,000,000,000 white men, 500,000,000 of them will be English and German, and 300,000,000 Slave. The bounding-vane French and Spaniards will have become extinct. "If the Tenth and Slave can keep friends the world is theirs." Otherwise we are led to infer, the domination will remain with England.

But we agree with the Philadelphia Press that that pretty bit of statistical glorification is put together quite too hasty to hold water. In the first place there are actually no facts upon which to base such conjectures. Nobody on earth knows, or ever knew, what the population of India, China, Africa or any other far country was in 1653 even as in their judgment to-day. All conjecture is based on the supposed knowledge, as it presumed, that the dark races numbered, in 1653, only two centuries ago as we do now. The presumption is, that they then are, by the contrary, but little more than the white in a stark ratio, as do the whites, and that the proportion remains in effect the same. Dark races are always more prolific than the white. The only practical sufficient reason for their decrease in numbers is their ignorance of sanitary laws, medical advice and the restraints of civilization. But as the occupation of their present share of the earth's territory by the civilized races would necessarily remove these causes of disease and death, such occupation will probably rather than do them any harm. This is the fact, and the fact but to no one's further may not be known. The English are, however, in April, in a paroxysm of contempt. Just as there are certain Indian soldiers and workmen in an enormous excess at the present moment, as Europeans cannot live in the country, and do the work required.

The facts are unfortunately against the argument of the Englishman. On this continent both the English and negroes are increasing more rapidly than the white race (by birth). The old theory that the inferior, and most graw was when brought face to face with the white, is now exploded. It is to be seen, or political status. In mere numbers it wins the race. It is difficult to see, on what ground the Englishman can look forward to the increase of his posterity and the blunting out of the French, Scandinavian and all lesser races.

The Englishman at home and in a colony now outnumbers the Gaul only half a dozen millions, for the American, though he calls himself English, is really German, French and Scandinavian, as well.

Whatever may be the intellectual or moral dominance of the Englishman in the future, it is undesirable that neither his temperance, cheerfulness nor domestic habits justify the prediction that he will be the most long lived and prolific of the children of men.

The good cause of temperance has been vastly retarded by the absorption of the movement in the utterly impractical scheme of prohibiting the liquor traffic, as if that were the cause and not merely the effect of the drinking usages of society. A similar mistake long delayed statesmen in regard to slavery, which originated, as they thought, in the foreign slave trade, whereas that trade was itself the fruit of slavery, which, by creating an eager market for slaves, made it profitable to kidnap fresh victims from Africa. The drinking usages of society, the demand for drink, must be checked. That is temperance reform.

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THE CONGO COUNTRY.

The agent sent out by the United States to investigate the possibilities of trade with the Congo Free State has made his final report to the state department, and a different picture is portrayed from that we have been accustomed to, in that we have been accosted with the news that the agent, Mr. Tidell, the agent above mentioned, went to the Congo country on a "special expedition," to after looking over the lower Congo region and the coast, went north to the interior as far as Stanley Pool, and made notes of all that would be likely to have bearing upon the object of his mission, as well as many other points of interest to be enumerated. The result of his examination has been published by the Consular Agent regular, and the report is as follows:

THE NEW DISCOPIES.

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IN AND ABOUT PORTLAND.

The French kindergarten opens on Monday, September 7.
The sale of seats of the Beth Israel congregation occurs to-day at 2 P.M.

Says Portland in "The Oaks": At 3 p.m. yesterday. Admission 25 cents.

Fourteenth anniversary of the Turn Verein Garden Club to-day.

Old Gables' picnic to-day. The farm property was a complete success in every particular.

Premier, the coffee house man, has introduced a handsome new counter to the apartment of his wife at 112½ Main Street.

Bennie, a boy 9 years old, fell from a beam on Beaverton and Taylor streets yesterday afternoon and broke his arm.

Rev. J. O. Avery and wife returned yesterday from Chicago. Mr. Avery will occupy his apartment this morning and evening.

Mr. O. P. Tompkins, who has been touring the coast for several weeks, returned yesterday.

He says the weather at the coast is delightful.

Licenses to wed were issued yesterday to Thomas Rutherford and Emma L. Ross, Gustavus Mekker and Esther Gruen Miller, Francis C. Moore and Anna S. Moore.

James E. Woodward, car engineer, freight agent for the Union Pacific railroad, last night for Clatsop to take his first suit of salt air and feed on plants and clams, etc.

The Christian Church is making a late preparation for the annual meeting of the Western Association in Missoula, Mont., which will be held Saturday morning from a trip into the mountains.

ALLEGED LAND CRIMES.

Deputy Sheriff Marshall Johnson arrived here yesterday from Portland to investigate the charge of Sheriff Aldrich, T. J. A. Lee, formerly of Corvallis, and John Stevenson, at one time a resident of Jackson County, all charged with false swearing in regard to the entering up of claims of land occupied by them near Prineville. They were yesterday morning from a trip into the mountains.

The trial will be examined before a United States commissioner.

EDUCATIONAL CRIMES.

Mrs. Cora Talbot, late from Chicago, brings schoolroom testimonials of her talents and powers as a dramatic reader. She seems to have had a marked degree of success and to have delighted her audience wherever she has spoken. She will appear at Taylor street church Wednesday evening.

Mr. Powers, a manufacturer of explosives, has a large number of dynamite bombs with pointed heads, each containing 100 grains of gunpowder.

Mr. Powers' factory burned down yesterday.

The fire was caused by the entering up of

claims of land occupied by them near Prineville.

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FRUIT FOR THE EAST.

F. H. Page of this city, has a large number of hands constantly at work selecting and boxing fruit for shipment east. He is shipping in carload lots to St. Paul, Chicago and St. Louis. Yesterday he was preparing two carloads of peaches for St. Louis, while the "Fruit Queen," will bring this long transportation, and going on freight trains the tariff can be borne. Shipments of fruit to points in Montana are continually increasing.

FROM THE SEASIDE.

A note from the seaside under date of the 22d says: "The number of guests at Grimes has been reduced to less than a dozen. The Aztec camp of seven weeks' length, the opening of the summer season, has been given up.

The "Bull Run" camp will be opened on

the 25th.

Annual Returns of the Early Provincials of the State of Massachusetts law enforced our

all policies issued by this company and give them also the character to

protect heating funds with possible

loss in annual returns,

all policies are plain, simple

and other respects.

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for the same premiums

for policies paid at death,

etc. etc. etc. etc. etc. etc. etc.

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At 10 a.m. the first class

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beginning with white shirt, etc.

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with his game making a queen to his queen, so that he had better sufficiently to make me. I saw that he was to lose his right. I knew nothing of his account that it was sure this was a large school, and he was for a long time reserved for us. In my mind, I saw that he was probably there. He was one who earned how many hardships, nor how many real difficulties in the road to the con- working education.

o'clock in the afternoon when a ringing sound again in the room went into his own room, that being alone he would never to a fit of despair, but it seemed to have been crossed the door. When he entered I was as brisk and cheerful as you're.

king of something else, but from his subject to mine in the affirmative. Then he bought no more of it and have original topic, but I continue you are on the right road.

near graduation you will be

This was a little rebuke for

me to find myself proud.

his simple conciliation "Who headed me with side whiskers."

rubbing his spectacles. I think

had a time to see as I do to-

his new gold eye-glasses. New

are very handsome but they

not deal of rubbing and adjust-

that delicious twinkle in his

His misfortune to be

left at school according

whole disposition of his

word as a pretty comedy. He

of the college president that

and vain—that was this

student's part. He thought

that I upheld the seriousness

rank—that was my part. He

that himself was half

egged around over the stage

and him the student who

the grading square to be

meted stand. Nobody

an actor on the scene of his

complained of nobody

not fathomed him even to

this first. It is so difficult

for me that an inferior has such

traits of character as notice

he is tall and thin, but let him to the most com-

of human nature when did he

ridiculous extent of asking

kind and generous? His

isposition? or "What are

men's whims and fancies?"

of men whom we never

and when some-

of them (for the please

are human beings) we and

at a loss a few hours

hours at night Jourdan came

with inexhaustible vitality

interested in seeing the

as close as at its height. He

ordered if he had last

and at my suggestion and

the Latin grammar had seen

Jourdan that with his

it must prove a hard

turn and put a live in my

in an advancement.

I have to begin. It seems

it doesn't?

With a suddenly remembered

smile! "I have you

and as it was marked for him

the scholars satisfaction of

it was the hardest thing in

the page with him—he

the half the time—an I found

it was creased in words and

but a hint of some

the knowledge of a world's

and his understanding

that distant connection.

When we came to a pause

he arrived at his

the arrival of his think and

me a privilege asked

a freshman is a privilege

which has been

and I am afraid he

of a few more terms of

I also to write. I did

of regularly extensive

work! Then he

who volunteered

Miss Sand

here

she won't I liked

an incident regna walk but

the one I thought he

was happy admiration

which a poorly built man

of a few years ago

I here a long time. Come

think of the picture

any expectations of his

looked at me with a

the upper shaded in, and it was

to my questions,

deemed to draw tropes

at home, and he

skill consisted in "no

one

go out at the top and waving down so

not to blot anything."

But what do people say of your drawing?

They don't mind, I care what all the

time I please talent."

"I can't tell yet. I know every body

there's no doubt that I know every body

make a picture of her going away. I'd like to

make a picture of her going away.

He had a cynical look of contempt, on his

face but he was anxiously in current for

approval.

I was enthusiastic over his work and

promised that he should go with me to call

and ask the privilege for himself. He

would come to my house to call

and I would be there to receive him.

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face but he was anxiously in current for

approval.

I was a good student, reserved for

the students, reserved for

SULLIVAN WINS.

So Said the Referee, but the Crowd Dissented.

THE AFFAIR BADLY MUDDLED

At the End of the Sixth Round McCaffrey was willing to fight to a finish, but Sullivan was declared the Victor.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 23.—The city is full of sporting men, attracted hither from all directions by the exhibition given this afternoon at the grounds of the Chester Park Athletic club. The street, in the vicinity of saloons where seats were sold, has been crowded with strangers, and the appearance of a cage-fight has been the chief attraction to the street with men and boys hoping to see one of the boxers. The desire to see Sullivan was gratified, for he visited the city to complete his round, and afterward drove to several places in the city, drawing great crowds. Sullivan's bond nearly paid off, but the fight was not principal in a prize fight in Ohio for one year. It is understood that no further effort will be made to interfere with the affair, and that any third fight will be arranged immediately after the event. McCaffrey did not come out, but as reported last night, to give him a hand, but was arrested and will be arraigned.

He is attending strictly to his training and has wasted no time. He took a two hours' walk with his manager, and the fight is a winner. The contest is under the management of James Quinn, who has the best of it. Both McCaffrey and Sullivan are to be paid \$1,000 each, and the general feeling is that Sullivan must win, but McCaffrey is credited with being able to cause him much trouble.

PROSECUTION OF THE CONTEST.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 23.—The referee match between John L. Sullivan and Donald McCaffrey this afternoon did not attract so great a number of people as expected. At 6 o'clock, when it was thought the match would begin, there were more than 3,000 people at Chester Park. The audience was still ill-housed when the first round began, and went down to the street Sullivan had been to make the rounds.

It was 30 o'clock before the preliminary bout began. The first round was set in the middle of the track, between two stands, and was thirty feet square, five feet from the ground, and the inner ring of twenty-four ropes was marked by three ropes around six posts, which were added on the inside. Spectators were admitted, and besides the filled stands the fences and other available points were occupied. An ample police force prevented any breaking of the ropes.

From 4:30 until 5 the first round was spent in a number of short boxing contests to interest and keep the attention of the crowd, and to even awaken enthusiasm. When one man was knocked down, the ropes, it kept the attention to close on the fallen boxer, and pushing his way to the platform, and was not recognized until he mounted, when there was a brief burst of applause. He wore silk shorts over his chest, but his arms were bare. His crewman, who was with him, encircled with a green sash. He was supported by his seconds, Arthur Chambers and Tom Davies, and went to his corner.

Ten minutes later Wm. McDowell, master of ceremonies, announced that McCaffrey, or some friend to go after him, and was to be the referee. A carriage appeared with the other contestants. McCaffrey was received with wild enthusiasm of enthusiasm. He seemed to be the favorite, and was surrounded by the same as Sullivan, except that his light-colored lights were suspended by a maroon curtain.

FIRST ROUND.

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SECOND AND THIRD ROUNDS.

The second round was so great that the spectators, though fatigued, were crowded with pleasure, and the cautious ones, who followed both succeeded in getting eight blows. McCaffrey ducked to avoid a heavy blow, and the audience, who were anxious to see him, was not recognized until he mounted, when there was a brief burst of applause.

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FOURTH AND FIFTH ROUNDS.

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SIXTH AND SEVENTH ROUNDS.

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TENTH AND ELEVENTH ROUNDS.

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FOURTEEN AND FIFTEEN ROUNDS.

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